

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: Placer

From: (Public Agency): Placer Resource Conservation District
11641 Blocker Dr. #120
Auburn, CA 95603

(Address)

Project Title: Climate Resilience Through Habitat Restoration on California Lands

Project Applicant: Placer Resource Conservation District

Project Location - Specific:

Multiple Potential Locations within Placer County on Working and Public Lands

Project Location - City: Multiple Potential Cities Project Location - County: Placer

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project aims to plant native pollinator plants on working lands (farms, ranches, orchards) and public lands to restore habitat for pollinator insects and other fauna, promoting resilience. Suitable sites will be selected based on specific criteria, involving interested landowners and stewards. The project's duration is estimated to be five years or less, and implementation may involve a combination of volunteers and professional contractors.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Placer Resource Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Placer Resource Conservation District

Exempt Status: (check one):

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Categorical Exemption, Class 4
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Placer RCD proposes to seek exemption qualification for a comprehensive CEQA analysis under the Class 4 category, pertaining to minor alterations of land. The project aims to plant native pollinator plants through seed sowing or plug installation, covering a minimum of 1.5 acres of land. Additionally, it involves establishing 2,400 feet of hedgerow plantings on working lands (e.g., farms, ranches, and orchards) and 4,800 feet of pollinator hedgerows on publicly owned lands within Placer County. As part of the project, up to five (5) educational signs, four (4) raptor perch poles, five (5) small insect rock piles, and five (5) bird nesting boxes will be installed on public or working lands.

During the implementation phase, the land disturbance will be kept to a minimum. Land preparation will involve light cultivation, the use of plastic for weed smothering, and light digging for plug planting. Herbicide application will be minimal and limited to cases where biological, cultural, or mechanical methods fail to manage exotic or non-native plant species. The proposed project will not have adverse effects on endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species, nor will it cause significant erosion or sedimentation of surface waters.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Andrew Justus-Fritz

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (530) 820-3285

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.

2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: Andrew Justus-Fritz Date: 6/16/2023 Title: Ag & Community Programs Manager

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

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